

COASTAL DIVISION ELEVEN

COMMAND HISTORY

1 January 1969 to 31 December 1969

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CHRONOLOGY OF HIGHLIGHTS

JANUARY 1969

- 1 PCFs 6, 21, 71 and 88 provided support for EOD team in Rach Duong Keo resulting in destruction of 15 bunkers and 3 mines. Hostile small arms and automatic weapons fire was received, wounding 2 USN.
- 2 PCFs 71 and 21 conducted a raid into Cua Lon River destroying 7 sampans, 2 structures, 200 pounds of fish, 100 pounds of salt, 3 bunkers, and captured 1 sampan. Hostile recoilless rifle and automatic weapons fire damaged PCF 21.
- 4 PCFs 50, 21, 71 and 93 conducted a probe up the Song Ong Doc River to Ca Mau; thence down the Song Bay Hap. Results: 6 sampans destroyed, 1 VC KIA, and 3 VC KIA(P). Hostile recoilless rifle, automatic weapons and B-40 fire was received on 3 occasions during transit.
- 5 PCFs 21, 71 and 93 probed Song Ong Doc. Hostile fire resulted in 1 USN KIA, 2 USN WIA. Enemy losses were 4 sampans and 4 structures destroyed, 3 VC KIA, 5 VC WIA.
- 8 PCFs 50, 71 and 88 captured 2 suspected VC while probing Song Cua Lon.
- 9 PCFs 10, 50, 71 and 88 conducted a raid into Song Dong and Song Bay Hap taking targets of opportunity under fire. Units received fire on exit resulting in 2 USN WIA.
- 10 PCFs 50 and 71 raided the Song Dong Cung destroying 7 sampans and 6 structures. Units received automatic weapons and small arms fire.
- 11 PCFs 93, 72 and 66 fired at a known VC concentration point. WGPS was spotted by NILO at Ha Tien who reported 5 sustained fires. RFs 50, 71, 3, 44, 6 and 38 conducted a raid into Rach Hang Ho. Units encountered a barricade of fish poles, small arms fire, and were forced to turn back. 2 USN WIA, PCF 6 suffered light damage.
- 13 PCFs 50, 88 and 44 conducted operations in the Song Ong Doc. Units were sent up river and air strikes were called in to hit known VC ambush sites. Results of PCF fire: 2 VC KIA (BC).

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- 18 PCFs 3, 9, 31, 38, 66 and 71, together with UDT units, conducted operations in the Song Cua Lon. GDA: 15 bunkers, 2 sampans, 2 structures and numerous fish nets and food supplies destroyed.
- 20 PCFs 21, 31, 44 and 66 provided MGPS in support of RF Company 372 conducting 2 ground sweeps north of Song Ong Doc. GDA: 1 VC KIA (BC).

PCFs 66 and 31 transitted the entire length of the Song Bo De - Song Cua Lon, destroying 10 sampans enroute.

- 21 PCFs 21 and 44 encountered an evading sampan in the early morning hours while probing the Song Cua Lon. Units took sampan under fire resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC) and 2 others captured. Sampan contained about 5,000 pounds of food and medical supplies. Units attempted to tow the sampan to sea, however, it sank in tow.
- 23 PCFs 6, 50, 71 and 93 conducted MEDCAP/PSYOPS mission at Cai Nuoc on the Song Bay Hap. Units took targets of opportunity under fire enroute. GDA: 5 junks, 18 sampans, 14 structures, and damage to several others.
- 24 During the early morning hours, PCFs 6, 50 and 71 encountered evading sampans in the Cua Lon. Units captured the 10 occupants and destroyed the sampans, along with 600 pounds of food.

PCFs 6, 31, 50 and 71 conducted cordon and search operations from Song Ong Doc to Ca Mau, then exited through the Song Canh Ham, a total run of about 62 miles. PCF GDA for the operation: 9 structures, 17 sampans destroyed and 10 sampans damaged. PCFs received light sniper fire.

- 25 PCFs 6, 21, 50, 71 and 93 conducted a cordon and search mission in the Song Bo De - Song Dam Doi - Bach Bo Gui River complex. Units attempted to destroy barricade but low tide caused abortion of the attempt. The entire mission GDA: 91 sampans, 63 structures, 1 bunker, 5 motors, 2 bridges destroyed; 7 sampans, 57 structures and 5 bunkers damaged. PCF 21 suffered light damage from rocket and small arms fire.

PCFs 66 and 94 proceeded up Song Ong Doc in support of ground forces.

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- 29 PCFs 72, 5, 93 and 94, together with units of COSDIV 13, conducted operations in the Cua Lon River. PCFs 94 and 72 came under fire while probing a side canal resulting in 3 USN WIA and light damage to PCF 94.

- 30 PCFs 5, 50 and 72 conducted a MEDCAP at Cai Nuoc, treating 216 people. Units took targets of opportunity under fire when entering and exiting the Bay Hap River, destroying 3 junks and 2 structures.

PCFs 21 and 93 conducted a night operation in the Cua Lon River. GDA: 3 junks, 2 sampans, 3 tons of rice and 1 ton of various other food supplies destroyed.

- 31 PCFs 5 and 50 again conducted a night operation in the Cua Lon. GDA: Two 30 foot sampans and 7 tons of rice destroyed and 2 VC KIA (BC).

PCFs 50, 72, 93 and 21 conducted operations in the Bay Hap River and Cai Nhap Canal. GDA: 15 bunkers, 3 structures, 2 barricades, 5 sampans, and quantities of rice and food supplies destroyed.

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- 2 PCFs 5, 38, 43 and 50 conducted operations in the Cua Lon River. Units took an evading sampan under fire at the mouth of the river resulting in 1 VC KIA. PCF 38 received what appeared to be a B-40 rocket hit halfway through the transit resulting in 1 USN WIA and light damage to PCF 38. GDA for the operation: 8 sampans destroyed.

- 3 PCFs 5, 43 and 50 conducted a night operation in the Bay Hap River. GDA: 1 VC KIA (P), 5 sampans, 3 structures and 1200 pounds of food destroyed. PCF 43 received 2 rockets close aboard and small arms fire when exiting the river, resulting in light damage to PCF 43 and 1 USN WIA.

- 4 PCFs 5, 9, 38, 43 and 50 conducted operations with ground units in the Cua Lon River destroying 3 structures and 7 cisterns.

- 6 PCFs 23, 31, 38, 43, 44 and 50 conducted operations in the Cua Lon River again with ground units. Units met light resistance during operations resulting in minor damage to PCFs 23 and 43. GDA: 21 bunkers, 27 structures, 27

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- 7 PCFs 23, 31, 43 and 44 conducted operations with ground forces in the Rach Onguyen and Rach Ba Thanh, canals branching off the Cao Lon where PCF 94 had been hit the previous week. GDA: captured 16 fragmentation grenades, 1 water mine, 1 U.S. rifle grenade, 1 round 82 MM WP mortar, 3 Claymore mines, and 3 sampans. Units destroyed 5 bunkers and 9 structures and captured 1 VC and his family of 5.
- 8 PCFs 23, 31, 43 and 44 supported ground operations in the Song Cao Lon. Together with BOD and MFF troops they destroyed 8 bunkers and 13 structures.
- 9 PCFs 10, 23, 31, 43 and 44 again with ground troops and off-shore units swept a canal near the mouth of the Rach Duong Keo. Results: 1 village, 16 bunkers, 31 structures, 13 sampans, 2 junks and 2 foot bridges destroyed. 43 suspected VC or VC supporters captured; and quantities of food and medicine destroyed or captured.
- 10 PCFs 10, 31, 43, 44 and 71, with ground forces attached, swept the Rach Wang Do. Units destroyed 77 structures, 41 sampans, 4 bunkers and 2,000 pounds of rice.
- 12 PCFs 3, 10, 31, 43, 44 and 71 entered the Rach Duong Keo in an attempt to flush out the VC who had escaped during the operation on the 9th. Extensive Payops were conducted in the canal at the mouth of the river with negative results. Ground forces assigned swept the banks of the Duong Keo destroying bunkers and mines. PCFs extracted troops and began sweep of the Rach Wang, preceded by air strikes. PCF 71 received rocket hit shortly after entering and contact was made by ground forces. PCF 10 received several small arms hits resulting in 3 USN KIA. Ground forces killed 2 VC and had 1 U.S. KIA. Results of the operation: 27 bunkers, 20 Claymore mines, and 8 fragmentation grenades destroyed. PCF 71 began taking on water upon exiting river. Despite vigorous attempts by the OINC and crew to control the flooding, PCF 71 sank in 10 feet of water. Units stood-by PCF 71 and began salvage operations the following morning. Most of the electronic gear and the majority of weapons, including the 81 MM mortar, were salvaged by the OINC and crew.

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- 16 PCFs 50, 66, 72 and 93 conducted operations in the Oua Lon River destroying 15 sampans and damaging 7 structures and 8 bunkers.
- 18 PCFs 50, 66, 72 and 94 conducted operations in the Bay Nap River. PCFs 50 and 66 entered first to proceed to Cai Nac and contact a MEDCAP. An underwater mine exploded in front of PCF 66, a rocket and both units received small arms fire. Units remained fire and continued to Cai Nac for MEDCAP. PCFs 72 and 94 entered river about 4 hours later despite intelligence reports that more mines existed. Two more mines exploded as 72 and 94 proceeded up the river, several rockets were also fired at the 2 units resulting in 2 U.S. MIA. PCFs accounted for 1 VC KIA (probable).
- 19 PCFs 50, 66, 72 and 94 entered the Bay Nap River with troops embarked to sweep ambush sites along the banks. Units received light small arms fire during the operation. Ground forces captured various VC munitions and 1 VC suspect.
- 20 PCFs 37, 44, 50, 72, 93 and 94 probed the Dam Doi River to the outpost of Dam Doi. Units were well received by the villagers. On the return transit units received rocket and small arms fire resulting in 2 USN MIA. GDA was 40 sampans, 10 structures and 3 bunkers destroyed.
- 21 PCFs 5, 31, 50 and 93 proceeded up the Ong Doc River towards Ca Man to conduct operations near Thai Binh. Units were forced to abort when they received heavy rocket fire 10 minutes after entering the river. PCF 93 was seriously damaged and PCF 31 lightly damaged by the enemy rockets.
- 23 PCFs 31, 44, 50 and 51, with UUT and EF/PF units, destroyed a barricade across the Dong Cung River. Units also destroyed 12 structures and 5 bunkers.
- 25 PCFs 23, 31, 44 and 94 conducted operations in the Oua Lon River resulting in 47 sampans, 10 bunkers and 47 structures destroyed along with 1 VC KIA(BC).

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- 28 PCFs 23, 43 and 94 returned to the Bay Hap and landed Cai Nuoc EF/FF troops at ambush sites along the banks. Sweep uncovered numerous spent small arms ammo and spider holes. Troops embarked again and proceeded to the Dong Cung Canal where PCFs encountered enemy initiated firefight. OTC directed PCFs into beach where VC attempted to escape. Troops disembarked in pursuit of VC. Results were 10 VC KIA(BC), 1 VC WIA(escaped), 3 VC CIA, 1 B-40 launcher with rockets CIA, 6 CHICOM rifles CIA, 30 sampans, 15 structures, 7 bunkers and 12 tons of rice destroyed. PCFs received light damage during operation.

MARCH 1969

- 1 PCFs 23, 43, 51 and 94 conducted Operation "U-HAUL" which involved towing fuel bladders up the Bay Hap River to Cai Nuoc. Units received light fire during the operation.
- 4 PCFs 38, 50 and 51 conducted night probe of the Bo De anh Dam Doi Rivers destroying 12 sampans and 2 junks and accounting for 2 VC KIA (probable).
- 5 PCFs 9, 38, 50 and 51 conducted operations in the Dong Cung River destroying 30 structures and 20 sampans.
- 6 PCFs 5, 9, 38 and 72, together with Cai Nuoc EF/FF troops, conducted a sweep of areas along the Cua Lon and Bay Hap Rivers destroying 2 bunkers.
- 7 PCFs 5, 9 and 38, along with MSF troops, again swept areas along the Bay Hap and Cua Lon Rivers capturing various VC papers and destroying 15 structures, 8 bunkers and 16 sampans. A mine was detonated near the PCFs in the Cai Nhap Canal wounding 1 USN.
- 8 PCFs 5, 9 and 38 again entered the Cua Lon River with MSF troops to sweep certain areas. Units encountered an enemy initiated firefight above Nam Can village resulting in 7 USN and 4 MSF WIA. All units received moderate damage, mostly from 50 cal. rounds. Units were forced to

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MARCH 1969

- 13 PCFs 3, 51, 43, 93 and 94 with NSF EF/PF troops conducted S.M. LORNS operations in the Bay Hap River and Dong Ong Canal. A mine detonated under PCF 3 and units were taken under small arms fire several times during the operation. Friendly casualties were 8 USN MIA, 1 NSF KIA. Units destroyed 30 sampans and 5 structures, and captured 16 booby trap grenades. Later intelligence reports indicated 1 VC KIA and 5 VC MIA.
- 18 PCFs 5, 9, 44, 72 and 94 conducted operations on the Cua Lon River destroying 41 sampans and 5 structures.
- 19 The same 5 PCFs swept the Bo De and Dam Chin Rivers destroying 43 bunkers, 67 structures, 49 sampans, and several motors.
- 20 PCFs 9, 31, 44, 72, 93 and 94 swept the Bach Hang destroying 43 bunkers and 10 structures.
- 23 PCFs 5, 9, 37, 93 and 94, working with UDT and NSF, destroyed the remaining fish trap barricades in the Bay Hap River along with 7 bunkers and 12 structures.
- 26 PCFs 21, 22, 44, 50 and 66 with NSF raided enemy positions in the Bach Cai Chon destroying 33 bunkers, 59 structures, 9 sampans, and killing an estimated 4 VC. Hostile fire was encountered twice during the operation. PCFs 21, 22, 66 and 94 returned to the Cua Lon that night and destroyed 4 sampans.
- 28 PCFs 21, 22, 44 and 66, with UDT and NSF, raided enemy positions in the Bach Duong Koo destroying 20 bunkers.

APRIL 1969

- 3 PCFs 5, 31, and 38 rescue 8 people from a downed Army helo near Ha Tien. The 3 PCFs had everyone out of the water within 5 minutes after the crash.
- 12 PCF 43 was destroyed in a multi-boat operation in the Bach Duong Koo.
- 21 After a night ambush on the Cua Lon River PCFs with NSF troops raided the

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APRIL 1969

- 22 PCFs with MSF troops raided enemy positions in the Bach Mang. Two USN were wounded during the operation when a Claymore mine was detonated across the canal. The PCFs and MSF troops destroyed a number of bunkers and booby traps.
- 24 PCFs and PCF troops detained 35 persons in a sweep of the Bach La Canal off the Qua Lon River, and also destroyed several junka, sampans, huts, and punji stakes.
- 26 PCFs 22 and 46 fired in support of a Song Ong Doc RF/PF sweep. The combined operation netted 6 VC KIA (BC) and 1 VC MIA.
- 28 PCFs with MSF troops embarked, fired at evaders on the Qua Lon. MSF troops discovered a VC propaganda output 100 meters inland and destroyed 2 structures, 1 sampan, and 60 pounds of rice.

MAY 1969

- 1 PCFs 9, 22 and 94 on 2 night patrols of the Qua Lon fired on an evading sampan. GDA: 2 VC KIA (P), 1 M-1 rifle and ammunition captured and 1 sampan destroyed.
- 3 During night patrol of Qua Lon, PCFs 9, 22 and 93 destroyed 1 sampan and captured 6 others, plus enemy documents.
- 5 Seven PCFs encountered heavy enemy fire while operating in the Bach Duong Koo. MSF troops countered with a sweep, killing 10 of the enemy attackers. One USN KIA and several wounded. PCF 22 suffered heavy damage when it was hit by 3 rockets and sank up to the gunnles.
- 7 Units swept an area of the Bay Nap River. Several bunkers and structures were destroyed and RF/PF troops captured 10 CHICOM grenades. Later unconfirmed intelligence reported 5 VC KIA during the sweep.
- 9 6 PCFs conducted a run up the Duong Koo and swept the adjacent Bach Trun Gong. MSF troops destroyed several bunkers and structures during the sweep.

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2. Basic Narrative

a. Command Organization

(1) Commanding Officers:

LCDR G. M. ELLIOT

1 January 1969-6 May 1969

LCDR C. L. MILLER

7 May 1969-24 October 1969

LCDR M. D. TUFT

25 October 1969-31 December 1969

(2) Location: Coastal Division ELEVEN is located at An Thoi, Republic of Vietnam on Phu Quoc Island in the Gulf of Thailand.

(3) Mission: At the beginning of the year 1969, Coastal Division ELEVEN was engaged in Operation MARKET TIME and Operation SEA LORDS. In Operation MARKET TIME the objective was to interdict enemy supplies and ammunition being infiltrated into Vietnam via coastal waters. The carrying out of this mission involved the boarding and searching of countless numbers of junks, sampans, and even steel-hulled vessels. Although the Vietnamese Navy had assumed several patrol areas around Phu Quoc Island and the coast of Vietnam by the beginning of the year, and later took over all of the coastal areas, by the end of the year Coastal Division ELEVEN was again involved in Operation MARKET TIME to counter increased infiltration along the U Minh Forest.

In 1969 Coastal Division ELEVEN continued its mission as part of TASK GROUP ONE ONE FIVE Operation SEA LORDS. Operation SEA LORDS goal was to interdict enemy traffic in the rivers and canals of the Mekong Delta and Ca Mau Peninsula. As part of this operation, Coastal Division ELEVEN conducted numerous day and night operations in the rivers and adjoining canals along the western and southern most tip of South Vietnam. These raids were aimed at interdicting water traffic, destroying enemy watercraft, structures, bunkers, munitions, food and medical supplies, and the gathering of information.

During 1969 two new operations gained in importance. As the above two operations were phased out Operation SEAFLOAT and the ACTOV (Accelerated Turnover to the Vietnamese) Program began to demand most of Coastal Division ELEVEN's assets. In support of Operation SEAFLOAT (a temporary base on the Cao Lon River) Coastal Division ELEVEN units continued raids in the Ca Mau Peninsula. For the ACTOV Program Coastal Division ELEVEN helped train Vietnamese crews to take over Operation MARKET TIME in other areas of Vietnam.

In addition to the above, Coastal Division ELEVEN constantly maintained units at Ha Tien to interdict enemy infiltration along the Rach Giang Thanh

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lost a man overboard. Although hopes of finding the man were dim, the SWIFT boats stuck to the job, finally rescuing the man after he had spent 23 hours in the water.

PCF missions also included calls for Naval Gunfire Support (hereafter referred to as NGPS), usually in conjunction with troop sweeps in which PCFs carried the troops. On 17 January 1969, PCFs supported Regional Forces Company 372 on an operation in the Song Ong Doc. When contact was made the troops ashore called in 81MM fire by the PCFs, resulting in 2 VC killed, 4 structures destroyed and 16 structures damaged.

During the first half of 1969 the major job of Coastal Division ELEVEN PCFs was conducting river interdiction under Operation SEA LORDS. There were numerous raids in the Song Ong Doc, Song Bay Hap, Song Cua Lon and Song Bo De and adjoining canals in the lower Ca Mau Peninsula. On 25 January 1969, PCFs 6, 21, 50, 71 and 95 conducted a cordon and search mission in the Bo De, Dam Doi, and Bo Gui River complex. GDA incinerated 91 sampans, 63 structures, and 2 bunkers destroyed, with many others damaged. PCF 71 suffered light damage from rocket and small arms fire. This sort of action was conducted on a regular basis.

On 28 February PCFs 23, 43 and 94 transitted the Bay Hap River, inserting troops from Cai Nuoat at various ambush sites along the banks. At first the sweep was uneventful, but the troops found signs of recent ambushes. When the troops embarked and the PCFs proceeded up the Dong Cung Canal, the PCFs came under intense enemy fire. The boats beached at once, inserting troops on the flanks of the ambush. Results of the operation were 10 VC killed and 3 VC captured, along with rockets and rifles. There were 30 sampans, 15 structures, 7 bunkers and 12 tons of rice destroyed.

The above operations illustrate the success of the daily raids made by Coastal Division ELEVEN PCFs. There were also serious incidents in which PCFs were damaged, sometimes sunk, to be raised shortly thereafter. Many sailors and officers were wounded, some killed in action. Probably the most memorable incident occurred during a multi-boat raid on the Rach Duong Keo on 12 April 1969. PCF 43 sustained rocket hits, causing it to beach next to a bunker. Subsequently the boat was destroyed. The officer in charge was killed and every member of the crew was wounded. The day produced many heroic actions as the crew was rescued while under intense fire. On 5 May 1969 PCFs again came under fire in the Rach Duong Keo. Firing from heavily fortified positions, the enemy succeeded in hitting PCF 23. Although PCF 23 was damaged, it was not sunk.

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ELEVEN PCFs played a crucial role in this operation's success. They provided security for the base, which consisted of ammunition pontoons anchored in the Cua Lon River at the site of old Nam Can Village, by continuing their offensive operations. In addition, there were regular patrols of the Cua Lon River and escorts of vessels supplying food and ammunition to the base. PCFs also went on Psychological Warfare missions, broadcasting Chieu Hoi messages and inviting civilians to move to the Annex, the newly emerging village near SEAFLOAT along the Cua Lon River.

SWIFT boats continued their normal operations, sometimes with considerable success. On 14 July 1969 5 PCFs, with troops, conducted a sweep of the Dong Cung Canal. A VC grenade factory was discovered with 435 grenades, 65 grenade fuses, 11 land mines, 5 water mines and other munitions captured. Destroyed were 27 structures, 9 sampans, 10 bunkers and large quantities of foodstuffs.

During the last part of 1969 the increased tempo of psychological warfare operations began to take its toll. On 17 November 1969 PCFs 27 and 50 were ambushed while conducting a PSYOPS mission east of SEAFLOAT. On 19 November 1969 PCF 82 received a B-40 rocket hit while on a PSYOPS patrol in a canal south of SEAFLOAT. On 4 December PCFs 50, 56 and VNN PCF 3805 came under intense B-40 and AK-47 fire while on a PSYOPS patrol in the Dam Doi River. PCF 50 received heavy damage while PCFs 56 and VNN 3805 were damaged lightly. Casualties were 2 USN KIA, 5 USN WIA, and 2 VNN WIA. The frequency and intensity of ambushes gives a good indication of the effectiveness of the PSYOPS mission. The enemy was hurt and struck back furiously.

Events were not always peaceful in the TRAN HUNG DAO I operation on the Rach Giang Thanh and Vinh Te Canal. Coastal Division ELEVEN PCFs patrolled diligently, and although results and ambushes were infrequent, performed admirably in preventing infiltration.

The record of Coastal Division ELEVEN is impressive, both for versatility and tenaciousness. SWIFT boats performed admirably in every type of mission, from SEA LORDS raids to ACTOV training. Although often faced with hardships and adversity, Coastal Division ELEVEN did its job with great pride and enthusiasm.

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c. Special Topics:

(1) Operational Statistics

(a) PGF Hours Underway/Naval Gunfire Support Missions 1969

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>HOURS UNDERWAY</u>	<u>PGFS MISSIONS</u>
January	5,433	102
February	5,885	117
March	8,090	102
April	3,322	5
May	5,355	7
June	4,816	5
July	4,454	5
August	6,070	7
September	5,579	5
October	4,685	5
November	6,144	10
December	5,010	11

(b) Combat Ammunition Expenditures 1969

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>81 MM Mortar</u>	<u>.50 Cal. MG</u>	<u>7.62 MM MG</u>	<u>M-76 MG</u>
January	1,109	127,420	70,500	4,106
February	415	107,200	36,800	3,722

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(b) Combat Ammunition Expenditures 1969

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>81 MM M.R.A.</u>	<u>.50 Cal. MG</u>	<u>7.62 MM MG</u>	<u>M-76 HE</u>
August	NA	NA	NA	NA
September	403	33,450	51,722	1,555
October	947	48,030	31,250	310
November	975	73,006	47,550	1,823
December	1,065	57,566	38,700	1,347

(c) Ground Damage Assessment: The following is a total of GDA credited to Coastal Division ELEVEN PCFs for the year 1969:

Viet Cong Killed in Action (Body Count)	123
Viet Cong Killed in Action (Estimated)	59
Viet Cong Wounded in Action	41
Detainees	127
Structures Destroyed or Damaged	1,284
Sampans Destroyed or Damaged	1,095
Booby Bunkers Destroyed or Damaged	779

(d) Coastal Division ELEVEN PCFs received hostile fire on 130 separate occasions during the year 1969.

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(2) Awards: Coastal Division ELEVEN personnel received the following individual awards for the year 1969:

(a) Silver Star Medal

LTJG KERRY

(b) Bronze Star Medal

LTJG ROOD
LTJG DROZ (2ND Award Posthumous)
LTJG SALINAS
LTJG GIBSON (2)
LTJG SHUMADINE
LT GILBERT
LTJG BILLOWITZ
ENS FRENCH
QM1 SANDUSKY

EDSN BELOLAU
EM2 MEDSKIS
EM2 LANGHOFFER
CMG3 HORNBERGER
EM3 BAUMBERGER
EN2 ERHARDT
CMG2 ALSTON
CMG3 LAMBERSON

(c) Navy Commendation Medal

QMGSN GILBERTSON
QM2 EATON
EM2 LUKE (Posthumous)
EM2 PREVETT
EM2 WRIGHT
CMG3 WRIGHT
CMG3 TAYLOR
CMG3 KREYER
EN2 DROGEZ
RD1 MILLER
CMG2 THOMAS
EN2 THORSON
QM1 SANDUSKY
EN2 CUERUA
QM2 LEEDS
CMG3 MARTIN
EN3 BILYEW
EN1 WATKINS

RD3 BAKER
EM2 BURNS
EM3 JEE
CMG3 SHORT
EM3 BAUMBERGER
EN1 REEDWAY
QM2 REEDMAN
QM2 REEPER
LTJG HAYES
LTJG SALINAS
HMC CONTINO
LTJG DALY
LTJG GREEN
EM3 CLEVEN

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(e) Purple Heart Award

QM2 HOOVER	QM03 HOLLISTER
QMGSN BISHOP	RD3 VOEPHAL
LTJG PATTON (2)	LTJG DEGE (Posthumous)
EM2 KESSELENG	ENS WILLIAMS
EM3 ROGERSON	QM3 BOLLOWAY (Posthumous)
QMGSN RATCLIFF (2)	QM2 KASTNER
QMGSN DAVIS	QM02 HORNBERGER
RD3 BROWN	QM02 THOMAS
LTJG BISHOP	QM2 MARQUARDSON
EM3 PILGRIM	RD3 KIMMS
EM3 HOFFZELL (Posthumous)	EM2 KIRKLAND
QM3 MANFO	EM2 BARTIC
EM3 STEVENS	EM3 RENSCHAW
LTJG GALVIN (3)	QM3 MARD
EM3 THIEL	LTJG MCCAIN
QMGSN RUE	RD2 ASHILL
LT GILBERT	EM2 HAYES
EM3 STEVENS	EM2 MACDONALD
QMGSN LEE	QM02 ALVARADO
ENFN KATRAS	LTJG PUPPE (2)
LTJG PECK	EM3 COX
EM3 BURGESS	RD2 SUMTER
QM02 ALSTON	RD2 MILLER
QM02 HARRIS	EM2 FUZZ (2)
QMGSN MOON	RD1 LAMBERT
EM3 STEVENS (3)	EM3 BAUMBERGER
RD3 SEALACHEK	QM2 DEAN
EM2 ANDERSON	EM3 CONER (2)
EM1 WATKINS (2)	EM3 KEMMAN
QM03 DEMSKE	EM2 EBERHART
RM3 BARNES	QM03 DEMSKE
LTJG KERRY (3)	EM3 VOEL
LTJG HILDRETH	LTJG MORGAN
EM2 THORSON	EM3 BAUER
RD3 GONZALES	EM2 BOKLERS
EM2 LINDQUIST	SN HORTT
EM2 GIVENS	ENS LOMES
RD3 BOBB	ENS CARROLL
EM2 LANGHOFFER (2)	EM2 GAT ANDERSON

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(e) Purple Heart Award

GMG3 CARPENTER	BM3 WOODS
GMG2 NOLL	QM2 STOPKOWITZ
GMG3 HOLLISTER	RD3 KERN
QM2 LAMBETH	LTJG GIBSON
GMG3 PENTA (Posthumous)	LTJG RUBENSTEIN
GMG3 NOWLIN	GMG3 PALMER
HMC CONTING	GMG3 McCAMBRIDGE
EN1 CRAIG	LTJG FRENCH
QM2 BERMAN	RDSN CLAY
GMG2 SKUCE	EN3 WHITEGON
GMG3 PHELAN	LTJG EVANS
EN1 HARVELL	LTJG WHITE
QM2 WISSLER (2nd Award Posthumous)	EN2 PHILLIPS
EN2 WEAVER	BM3 WHITE
ENS WEAVER	QM3 TERPENGH
ENS FERRIS	RD3 DOHERTY (Posthumous)
ENS JENNINGS	QM1 WEDGE
QM2 McCORD	LTJG DALY
GMG3 TOBEY	